



PRESS STATEMENT

THE PARIS COURT OF APPEAL ANNULS THE PURPORTED FINAL AWARD IN THE SULU CASE

On 9 December 2025, the Paris Court of Appeal (“**Court**”) issued its decision annulling in its entirety the purported “Final Award” rendered by Mr. Gonzalo Stampa on 28 February 2022 and ordered the so-called Sulu claimants to pay EUR 200,000 in costs to Malaysia. The Government of Malaysia has received the judgment from the Court overnight.

In its ruling, the Court confirmed that Mr. Stampa lacked jurisdiction to render the purported “Final Award” because there was no valid arbitration agreement binding Malaysia. As a result, the Court annulled the purported “Final Award” in its entirety.

Malaysia trusts that this victory will put an end to all the baseless attempts from the so-called Sulu claimants (and their litigation funder, Therium) to extort money and assets from the people of Malaysia. In any event, Malaysia stands ready to continue its fight before any court called upon by the so-called Sulu claimants.

On 6 June 2023, the Paris Court of Appeal had already refused the recognition and enforcement of the purported “Partial Award” issued by Mr. Stampa on 25 May 2020 on the same ground; subsequently, on 6 November 2024, the French Supreme Court fully dismissed the challenge filed by the so-called Sulu claimants against the decision of the Paris Court of Appeal.

The Government of Malaysia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to defend Malaysia’s sovereignty, immunity and national interests against the baseless claims made in the Sulu fraud.

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA,
SULU SPECIAL SECRETARIAT WAR ROOM
10 DECEMBER 2025**